

Wellington Crossing easements granted

City councilors voted Monday night to grant property rights requested by Minnesota-based Pulte Homes, builders of Wellington Crossing, a 268-unit condominium development on the Trapelo Road campus of the former Olympus Hospital.

The property rights grant easements related to utilities installation and widening Trapelo Road, and deed the Wellington House, a historic structure on the property, to the city.

The vote came after ward Councilor George A. Darcy III discussed with the Law Department his concerns over three out of four issues related to the development.

Two telephone poles in the middle of the sidewalk must be moved, and foliage that has withered and died along the border of Trapelo Road will be replaced by the developer's landscaper, Assistant City Solicitor Michelle Learned said.

However, a Trapelo Road sidewalk near Abbot Road will not be widened. The narrow sidewalk conforms with the developer's agreement to widen Trapelo Road near the entrance to the development.

A fourth issue raised by Darcy remains unresolved. Trapelo Road street markings are confusing, Darcy said, but the developer claims they conform to the company's agreement with the city. Darcy said he will pursue the matter with the Traffic Commission.

Whopper no longer on the table

In a letter to the City Council, Moody Street Burger King franchisee Larry W. Kohler asked to

withdraw his petition for a license to extend his restaurant's hours. Kohler had asked the council to allow opening at 5 a.m. and closing at 3 a.m., but was a no-show at the Sept. 11 public hearing for his petition. The restaurant is currently open 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.

New digs

A contractor working for Raytheon discussed with councilors plans to open trenches in sidewalks on Seyon Street, and on Newton at Main, in a public hearing Monday night. The contractor, Strategic Technology Solutions, is installing a new fiber optic cable, to be used by Raytheon exclusively into a pre-existing underground conduit.

The digging is limited to a 42-foot trench on the west side of Seyon Street, and a 10-foot trench in the sidewalk at Newton and Main.

Part of the cable will be strung along eight existing telephone poles.

It will be about the width of a ballpoint pen, and no double poles or new reinforcement of existing poles will be used, the contractor said. The work is scheduled to be completed in one day.

Councilors will discuss the contractor's petition during next Monday's Public Works Committee meeting.

Constable confirmed

The City Council on Monday night confirmed Mayor Jeanette A. McCarthy's reappointment of John F. Ciaramaglia as a constable for a period expiring Jan. 31, 2009.



ROBERT DACEY

49, McDevitt Middle School drama teacher in Waltham and Waltham High School sports coach

➤ **ARRESTED** Aug. 11 on charges he raped one former and two current students. Placed on paid administrative leave.

WH Schools

By Jennifer Kavanagh

DAILY NEWS STAFF

As their mug shots and mugshot pictures across television screens appeared on newspaper pages, several Bay State teachers have recently generated some unintended interest about crime and punishment.

Just a few weeks into the school year, several teachers have been arrested on charges ranging from driving to rape. Local cases included Hudson grade teacher Diane who was arrested for smoking crack a few days after the first day of school. Waltham drama teacher Robert Dacey, who was arrested last month for assaulting students.

Local educators said students are an example of public fallout that comes from a school employment rest or involvement scandal.

"It seems to be more worthy if a teacher is doing something, than is caught doing something," said Gary Burton, superintendent of the Wayland schools. "And we are aware